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## COD CATCH OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

TOTAL FACTS, FIGURES AND RESUME OF THE GREAT SEASON OF 1911.

The success of the Newfoundland salt cod fishery for 1911 is authoritatively told in the following extract from the St. John's N. F., Trade Review:

The shore fishery opened well, and continued good during the caplin school, but in the early squid school the spurt slackened. However, in September the prospects looked up, and the fall fishery continued till very late, and was the most successful for many years. A feature of the shore fishery this year was the fine voyages landed in Trinity and Conception Bays where there had been practically nothing doing for years. As far as figures are available, we estimate the shore catch this year at 700,000 quintals. The price for talqual (and most of the voyage was sold at talqual) reached from \$5.00 in early August, to \$6.80 before the catch was disposed of, but as most of the fish was caught late, and sold late, it is safe to put the average at \$6.00 per quintal, which gives a value of \$4,200,000. This does not include the fish shipped in salt bulk from the west and south coasts, which amounted to roundly 6,000,000 lbs., or a money value of \$180,000.00. This gives a total value for the shore catch for 1911 of 4,380,000. The Labrador catch, while a great improvement on that of the year before, was not up to the old time average. The number of quintals shipped from the coast was 161,043 quintals. As near as we can figure it, there were about 240,000 quintals brought from the coast to Newfoundland, which would give a total catch for Labrador of 400,000 quintals. Taking it all round, we compute this fish at \$4.50 per qtl., thus making the value of the catch \$1,800,000. This gives shore and Labrador a combined value of \$6,180,000. To this must be added the value of the Bank fishery, which was approximately 150,000 qtls., worth \$6.00 per qtl., or \$900,000, this rounds out a grand total value of \$7,080,000 for the Shore, Labrador, and Bank fishery in Newfoundland last year. In view of the growth of the salt-bulk trade on the south and west coasts, the detail of the Bank fishery for the year may not be uninteresting. We find that there were 122 vessels engaged in the Newfoundland Bank fishery during 1911, aggregating 8,281 tons, and carrying 1,924 men. These vessels cleared as follows: 30 from Grand Bank, 28 from Burin, 15 from Bellefleur, 14 from Harbor Breton, 8 from St. Jacques, 7 from Fortune, 6 from Stone's Cove, 5 from Marystown, 4 from Catalina, and 1 each from Burgeo, Ramea, Garnish, St. Lawrence, and Heart's Content; they tallied out exactly 149,024 qtls., or roundly, 150,000 qtls. as computed above. The average catch per vessel was 1,228 qtls., and per man 78 qtls. This is slightly under the figures of 1910, when the vessels averaged 1,430 qtls., and the men 93 qtls.

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## HAD A CONFERENCE

BOSTON AND GLOUCESTER ANTI-BEAM TRAWLING COMMITTEE TALKED.

A meeting of the local anti-beam trawling committee and the committee appointed in behalf of the Boston interests was held at the office of John Nagle & Company in Boston yesterday afternoon.

Matters are working along nicely and the committees are getting down to work, so as to be fortified with some very forcible arguments when they appear before the committee in Washington. Various plans and suggestions were offered which were taken under advisement and considerable enthusiasm and interest was manifested, while most optimistic hopes for success were entertained.

Capt. H. Dexter Malone, Capt. George Nelson and Capt. Leander Costa have been appointed a finance committee on behalf of the Boston committee.

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## HADDOCK ARE DOWN AGAIN.

SCH. VALERIA AT T WHARF THIS MORNING WITH 100,000 POUNDS.

Fancy fares still continue to be brought in by the off shore haddock fleet, sch. Valeria, Capt. Wallace Bruce, being at Boston today with 103,000 pounds, chiefly haddock.

Other large fares are schs. Mary F. Curtis, 50,000 pounds; Effie M. Prior, 60,000 pounds, Onato, 63,000 pounds and Slade Gorton, 63,000 pounds.

Haddock sales dropped again and sold from \$1.25 to \$3 a hundred weight, large cod sold at \$5, markets, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$6; cusk, \$2.75 and pollock, \$3.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 45,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Actor, 2000 haddock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Valeria, 100,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, 55,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Onato, 55,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$6; cusk, \$2.75; pollock, \$3.

### FISH NUMBERED BY COLD.

Thousands Found Floating on Surface Near Galveston, Texas.

According to the Houston, Tex., "Post," the cold wave has affected the fish near Galveston. Thousands, numbered by the intense cold, were found floating near the surface of the water during the early part of the week. Hundreds of sharks and porpoises are gorging themselves, and fishermen are making hauls with no more trouble than waiting in skiffs until the fish float by then picking them out of the water with dip nets. Near the causeway, at Anderson's on the west end of the island and all along West Bay the same condition obtained. San Luis Pass reported that the waters in that vicinity were so filled with fish that their floating bodies resembled drift wood.

### AT VANCOUVER, B. C.

Clam Cannery in Full Operation and Winter Whaling To Be Tried.

The Canadian North Pacific Fisheries Co. will make an experiment at its Naden Harbor station to see if winter whaling will prove practicable and profitable.

A clam cannery, a new industry at Nanaimo is daily turning out about 75 cases, employing about 25 persons in packing clams in addition to those digging them. The firm has contracts with wholesale houses in Washington, and will also pack fruit and vegetables.

### Sealers Making Ready.

Word from St. John's says that the ships of the sealing fleet are being prepared for the annual fishery, which begins on March 11th. There will be upwards of 25 ships go to "the ice" this spring and the majority of them will be fitted with wireless telegraphy. The veteran hunters look for a banner catch this season, conditions, they say, being almost perfect. The seals will come down from the north on the early ice floes and the young will be whelped within easy striking distance of the ships.

### KEEPS OUT SEINERS.

So \$9000 Is Asked For To Make Repairs On the Lexington.

The recommendation of the chief of the district police for an appropriation of \$9000 for maintaining the state steamer Lexington was unopposed at a hearing given by the House ways and means committee.

William H. Proctor, captain of the boat, told the committee that since the boat had been maintained the porgy steamers had not set a net in Buzzard's bay, but had been constantly on hand all through the season at the entrances to the bay waiting for an opportunity to get in and set their seines. He believed if the law is to be enforced a steamer must be maintained there.

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### A DELICACY IN CHINA.

British Columbia Herring at \$40 Per Ton Are So Regarded.

British Columbia herring are regarded as a great delicacy by the Chinese and sell in China at from \$30 to \$40 per ton. The business will continue to grow. Seasoned herring fishermen predict a most successful season in Vancouver Island waters. Camps are now being installed at Nanaimo, and preparations for the first run are being made. Optimistic predictions are based on the fact that many whales have been sighted in the Gulf of Georgia, the opinion prevailing that the whales will drive the herring into shallow waters, where they can be taken easily. Last year the herring season was not all that could have been expected, only 9500 tons of smoked fish, 25 per cent. of the usual amount, being produced. All accounts agree there is an unlimited market for British Columbia herring in the Orient.

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## ONLY FEW SHORE BOATS ARE IN.

NORTHEAST SNOW STORM SENDS PRICES UP ON FARES AT T WHARF.

Receipts of fresh fish at T wharf this morning showed quite a falling off from those of the past few days, only six of the shore fleet being at the dock.

Saturday is generally a pretty quiet day for the fish trade and the market today is active and prices well advanced. Shore haddock sold at \$3.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$6.50, markets, \$4.50, pollock, \$3 and hake, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

### Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Jeanette, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Jorgina, 14,000 haddock.

Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 4500 haddock, 200 cod, 300 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 6500 haddock, 400 cod, 1400 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 4200 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.50; market cod, \$4.50; pollock, \$3; hake, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87 1-2.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Bank halibut, 19 1-2 c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

#### Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

### The Fiona at St. John's, N. F.

The cruiser Fiona, Capt. English, arrived at St. John's, N. F., last Tuesday afternoon. The cruiser has been engaged during the past two months in the fishery protection service. Up to the end of the year she was in the vicinity of Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay while the herringers were there, after which she was employed in cruising around Fortune and Placentia Bays.

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## GILL NETTERS HAD GOOD DAY

FOUR MORE OF BAY OF ISLANDS FLEET ARE HOME.

Three more of the Newfoundland herring fleet that narrowly escaped being frozen in at the Bay of Islands are home with full cargoes of salt and frozen herring, schs. Arthur James, Oriole and Essex.

Sch. Oregon is also in port with a cargo of 210,000 pounds of salt cod, from Lark Harbor.

The fleet of gill netters did well yesterday, several bringing in large fares. Owing to the heavy snow storm this morning, none of the boats got out.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Oregon Lark Harbor, N. F., Bay of Islands, 210,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Arthur James, Bay of Islands, N. F., 400 bbls. salt herring, 85 bbls. pickled herring, 650 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Oriole, Bay of Islands, N. F., 130 bbls. pickled herring, 1200 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Essex, Bay of Islands, N. F., 400 bbls. salt herring, 600 bbls. pickled herring, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.

Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Pontiac, Alert, Evelyn Thompson, Ingomar, Manhasset and Senator Gardner arrived at Liverpool, N. S., last Wednesday and cleared this same day.

The British sch. Argenia arrived at Halifax from Port au Basques, N. F., Wednesday, with 38,000 pounds of frozen herring.

### Portland Fish Notes.

Not a fishing vessel was to be seen Thursday afternoon at either Commercial or Central wharves, Portland, the whole fleet being out on the grounds, and it is thought must have got in a good day's work as none of them had returned at sunset. The Portland market is almost bare of fish.

### Big Week at T Wharf.

A total of 88 fares, aggregating 2,960,650 pounds of fresh ground fish were landed at Boston for the week ending January 26, against 104 arrivals with 2,247,200 pounds for the same period in 1911.

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### The Biggest Ever.

In a letter from Capt. Frank Cooney to his son, Anthony Cooney received recently, Capt. Cooney gives further details of the big fare, which he landed there in the sch. Mary E. Cooney, formerly of this port. The craft realized \$1800 stock as the result of the trip, which is \$275 greater than the largest trip previously landed.

### Sold at the Fort.

The big fare of fresh fish of sch. Ingomar sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.



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# HAS BIG TRIP OF FRESH FISH

SCH. INGOMAR FROM THE CAPE SHORE BRINGS 95,000 POUNDS.

Most of the ice-bound herring fleet at Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay that escaped being frozen in, are now at home, five more of the fleet having arrived since yesterday.

They are schs. Alert, Senator Gardner and Athlete from the Bay of Islands and T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport and Maxine Elliott, both from Bonne Bay, all of whom bring full cargoes.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald, arrived from The Gully, Saturday noon, with a halibut fare, and this morning the Ingomar from the Cape Shore is here with 95,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The fleet of gill netters were tied up in port Saturday, and yesterday only the steamers got out. This morning the entire fleet got underway.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. T. M. Nicholson, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1000 lbs. salt frozen herring, 125 bbls. salt herring, 8 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Alert, Bay of Islands, N. F., 600 bbls. frozen herring, 400 bbls. salt herring, 140 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Bay of Islands, N. F., 585 bbls. pickled herring, 620 bbls. salt herring, 16,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Bonne Bay, N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring, 175 bbls. salt herring, 3 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Athlete, Bay of Islands, N. F., 100 bbls. pickled herring, 500 bbls. frozen herring 500 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Catherine Burke, The Gully, 31,000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 95,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Margaret D, gill netting, 8700 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.

Sch. Rebecca, Boston.

Sch. Little Fannie, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, Boston.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, Boston.

Sch. Harriet, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Eva L. Spurling, haddocking

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

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Haddock, \$1.75.

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Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

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Snapper cusk, 60c.

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Bank halibut, 16c per lb. for white and 11c for gray.

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## PLENTY OF FISH AT THE OPENING.

MANY OFF SHORES AND ONE HALIBUTER AT T WHARF.

T wharf dealers started off this morning with plenty of fresh fish for the opening trade of the week with 17 arrivals at the dock, the greater part of which are from off shore.

Included in the fleet are three of the beam trawlers, the Ripple with 46,000 pounds, Crest, 57,000 pounds and Foam, 56,000 pounds. Other large fares are schs. Virginia, 48,000 pounds, Morning Star, 57,000 pounds, Esperanto, 76,000 pounds, Robert and Arthur 55,000 pounds, Richard, 48,000 pounds, Lizzie M. Stanley, 50,000 pounds and Pontiac 70,000 pounds.

Sch. Teazer had 28,000 pounds of halibut besides 35,000 pounds of cusk and 6000 pounds of salt cod, as the result of which her captain and crew will realize a fine stock.

Haddock sold from \$1.35 to \$3.60 a hundred, large cod, \$3 to \$6, markets, \$2 to \$4, pollock, \$3 to \$4, cusk, \$3 to \$3.50 and halibut, 16 cents for white and 11 cents for gray.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:

Str. Ripple, 45,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Str. Crest, 50,000 haddock, 2700 cod.

Sch. Teazer, 6000 lbs. salt cod, 35,000 cusk, 28,000 halibut

Sch. Virginia, 45,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 55,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Esperanto, 70,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 55,000 haddock.

Sch. Richard, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 40,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Mina Swim, 28,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 8500 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Alice, 8000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Rebecca, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 7500 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Azorean, 1000 haddock, 1600 cod.

Str. Foam, 53,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 50,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.35 to \$3.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$6; market cod, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$6.50; cusk, \$3 to \$3.50; halibut, 16 cents per lb. for white, 11 cents per lb. for gray.

**WILL HAVE GASOLINER.**

Capt. Colin Nickerson To Have One Built at Shelburne, N. S.

Capt. Colin C. Nickerson of Woods Harbor was at Shelburne, N. S., recently, with a model of a 22-foot gasoline boat which will be built by the McAlpine shop there. Other orders for boats of same size are in, and Mr. McAlpine reports many enquiries for crafts of like dimensions.

Capt. Nickerson is well known at this port, having fished out of here and T dock for a number of years.

**NEW FISHING STEAMER.**

For Capt. Sam Hatch Is Being Built at Boothbay Harbor, Me.

The keel of a 60-foot steamer from designs by Lawley, has been laid down at Adams yard, Boothbay, for Capt. Samuel Hatch, who last summer commanded the sch. Arabia of this port, seining. The steamer, which will be christened the Sam and Priscilla, will be 14 feet beam and seven feet depth of hold and will be equipped with a gasoline engine of 55 horse power. She will be ready for service in April.

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## WILL GO OUT OF SHELBURNE.

CAPT CHARLES RUDOLPH HAS SAILED FROM GLOUCESTER FOR 40 YEARS.

Capt. Charles Rudolph of Pubnico, N. S., one of the best known skippers that has sailed from this port, is on a visit to Lockeport, N. S., in connection with the vessel building now under construction at Allen's shipyard.

Capt. Rudolph has been sailing from this port for the past 40 years, and has had a fine record. He is going to engage in the Shelburne off-shore fishing business, and will command the new vessel of which he is part owner, Mr. William McMillan the well known merchant of Lockeport, will be the managing owner. The vessel is 85 feet long, and will register 65 tons.

Capt. Rudolph is a brother of Samuel Rudolph of Shelburne, and will probably remove from Pubnico to Shelburne or Lockeport.

There are good prospects for the building of a fine off-shore fishing business from Lockeport and vicinity, and men of Capt. Rudolph's stamp and experience will be highly valued.

## IS EXTENDING ITS BUSINESS.

LANE & LIBBY FISH CO. BUY DIGBY PLANT AND WILL ENLARGE.

The property and good will of the Little River Fishery Company at Little River, Digby Neck, Digby, N. S., has been purchased by the Lane, Libby Fish Company, of Vinal Haven, Me. Mr. Darrell Cheeney is in charge of the plant.

The company plans to erect a large new building and install an up-to-date canning and big fishing plant in the spring, in order to handle all kinds of fresh and salt fish, and will therefore employ a number of men throughout the entire year.

The firm will also ship glue stock to Eastport, sch. Fred & Norman, Capt. B. A. Cheeney, and other vessels, including a fleet of gasoline boats, will assist in procuring the fish, and the transportation of the exports.

This busy firm will prove a big addition to the growing village of Little River.

**PORTLAND FISH NOTES.**

Local Fleet Had a Hard Day and Many Fishermen Were Frostbitten.

As was expected, there was a big arrival of fish at Portland Friday for the lobster market. Though most of the fleet came in, none of the trips was very large. The following were the fares reported, Edmund F. Black, 4500; James and Esther, 10,000; Katie L. Palmer, 5000; Eva and Mildred, 8,000; and Albert D. Willard, 500, for the F. S. Willard Company; Fannie Hayden, 6000; Watauga, 4000; Fanny Reed, 4000; Bernie and Bessie, 3000; Lochinvar, 12,000; Mary E. Sennett, 4000; A. P. Parkhurst, 2500; and Minerva, 3000, for the Commercial wharf dealers.

The crews report one of the most uncomfortable days they ever experienced on the fishing grounds, and any one looking at the boats can readily believe them. They report the weather outside as intensely cold, a choppy sea running, and a thick vapor arising from the water making it impossible to see anything more than 100 yards or so from the vessels. The crews suffered severely while engaged in pulling their trawls, and one poor fellow, Gordon Nickerson of the sch. Edmund F. Black, had both hands badly frost-bitten and was taken to the Marine Hospital as soon as the vessel came into port. The same schooner was obliged to leave seven tubs of gear on the fishing grounds, but will go out today in hopes of finding them.

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## WAS DRIVEN TO THE GULF STREAM.

Sch. Catherine Burke Got Big Fare Under Adverse Conditions

Sea Broke the Dories and One Was Used to Repair Others.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald, of the fresh halibut fleet which arrived here Saturday noon brings a tale of one of the most thrilling experiences of the winter during the recent gales which swept the banks.

It was about the worst weather that Capt. McDonald has ever encountered with a succession of gales and bad weather most of the time out, while the intense cold which froze the deck and rigging into a solid coating of ice, greatly interfered with fishing operations.

In spite of these drawbacks, Capt. McDonald managed to make three sets and secured a fare of 31,000 pounds of halibut, which was readily disposed of Saturday afternoon to the New England Halibut Company at 16 cents a pound for white and 11 cents a pound for gray.

This is Capt. McDonald's first trip in the Catherine Burke, he having previously been in command of the wrecked sch. Mooween. The craft left here the first of the year, and Capt. McDonald headed her for the Gully, where there is generally good fishing, but an exceedingly dangerous locality, being but a few miles from the north east bar of Sable Island.

Soon after arriving there, bad weather set in, and day after day it blew a gale, so that the crew were unable to fish. Two weeks ago, during the big northwester, Capt. McDonald and his men had a thrilling experience, and one which perhaps they would not care to repeat. They had been laying several days in the Gully, unable to fish on account of the weather. Extreme cold added to their hardships and the craft was badly iced up. It was blowing a regular howling gale from the northwest, and the Burke was hove to under a double reef foresail and blown off on one tack for 53 hours.

The decks and rigging were coated with ice, and the craft resembled more the appearance of an iceberg than any thing else. The crew were kept busy chopping away the ice, but made little headway, while the craft drifted and drifted before the gale until she struck the Gulf stream. Here the warmer water had its effect and in a few hours the ice began to drop off hull and rigging and was easily shoveled from the deck.

The craft met with another mishap which for a time threatened to terminate the trip, when a heavy sea came on board and smashed one of the dories, besides damaging the others. Instead of giving up, Capt. McDonald got his crew busy with hammers, axes and saws they utilized pieces from the smashed dory and repaired the others, so that it was possible to continue the trip.

Notwithstanding the many set backs, Capt. McDonald managed to get back to the grounds and made three sets, securing his entire fare on those occasions.

In addition to her halibut fare, the craft had 8000 pounds of salt fish and 4000 pounds of fresh fish. The craft will make the splendid stock of about \$4000 as the result of the trip, a fine start on the new year.

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**BIG SMELT FISHING.**

On the ice on Sasanola Bay, Me. there are at present 150 smelt fishermen's camps. Clarence Carleton of Woolwich holds the record so far with a catch of 75 pounds in one day.



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#### Big Halibut Stocks.

Sch. Katherine Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald, made one of the biggest stocks in winter halibut fishery in a long time on her trip which she took out Saturday afternoon realizing \$4-44.05. Her crew of 22 men shared \$90.78 clear.

Capt. McDonald starts off well on his first trip in the craft and he has the best wishes of his many friends for a continuance of good fortune.

#### Take Cargoes to Boston.

Schs. Aloha and Theodore Roosevelt have gone to Boston with their cargoes of frozen herring, the former being towed yesterday by tug Mary Arnold and the latter going up today in tow of tug Nellie.

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## TWO FINE FARES FROM EASTWARD.

### SCHS. ASPINET AND VANESSA HAVE THEM AT T WHARF.

Several more good trips are at T wharf this morning which include some of the high liners in the winter haddock fishery this season.

The down east knockabout Aspinet is again at the dock with a dandy fare, hauling for 76,000 pounds of fresh fish. Capt. "Jake" Brigham has been fishing to the eastward where he secured his trip, which consists mostly of haddock. Sch. Vanessa, Capt. William Firth, is also keeping up his record and has an even larger fare than the Aspinet, the haul being for 93,000 pounds. Sch. Mildred Robinson has 46,000 pounds and sch. Moaniam, 31,000 pounds.

Prices on haddock are less than those paid yesterday, and brought from \$1.35 to \$3 a hundred weight this morning. Large cod is scarce and sold at \$6 to \$6.50, while markets brought from \$3.50 to \$4. Pollock sold from \$3 to \$3.50, hake, \$3 to \$6.50 and cusk, \$2.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Aspinet, 60,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Georgia, 28,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 44,000 haddock, 2300 cod.  
Sch. Mary P. Santos, 5500 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 35,000 haddock, 700 cod, 400 hake.  
Sch. Matchless, 27,000 haddock, 1300 cod, 1500 hake.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 8500 haddock, 300 cod.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Stranger, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Leo, 3500 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 5000 haddock, 900 cod.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 6000 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Yankee, 2500 haddock, 700 cod.  
Sch. Flayilla, 7000 haddock, 1200 cod.  
Sch. Moaniam, 15,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 10,000 haddock, 1400 cod, 1400 hake.  
Sch. Vanessa, 65,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Haddock, \$1.35 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; pollock, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$3 to \$6.50; cusk, \$2.

#### Note in Mackerel Tin.

Recently Mrs. Henry R. Buckley of Tokeneke, Conn., opened a tin of scoured mackerel and inside of it found, says the South Norwalk (Conn.) Sentinel, this note: "Send postal to Miss Clarke, Aberdeen, Scotland." Mrs. Buckley wrote to Miss Clarke, and the other day received in reply a letter, post card and a book containing magnificent scenes from Scotland. One showed Miss Clarke's home. The letter said the mackerel was packed in August, 1910.

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## CANADA'S BIG FISHING YEAR.

The official report of the fisheries of the Dominion of Canada for the year 1911 shows the largest figures on record, closely approximating \$30,000,000. The province of Nova Scotia once more heads the list, contributing over one-third of the total result, the value of the catch being upwards of \$10,000,000 for the three fishery districts, comprised in 18 counties. Lunenburg county shows the largest increase of production, the takings of its fine fleet of banking schooners having been exceptionally large, the high prices ruling throughout the year also aiding in the success of the season's operations.

The mackerel catch, however, was the smallest for many years, off the Nova Scotia coast. Herring also came below the average of the last few years. Lobsters about held their own, marketing in the shell being noticeably on the increase. Marked improvement in the transportation of fresh and preserved fish to distant points in the interior from the Atlantic provinces is mentioned in the report as gratifying evidence of progress.

Efforts are still being made to introduce Scottish fishery board methods under local administration in the immediate vicinity of the north Atlantic fishing grounds.

#### PORTLAND HARBOR FROZEN.

#### Whole Fleet of Tugs Had to Put Fishing Vessels Into Wharves.

For the first time this season, the members of the Portland fishing fleet found that they could not get into their berths under their own power. They have had plenty of trouble with bad weather, but Friday it was the ice that bothered them.

Very nearly every one of the fleet came into port, but they could not get any farther than the breakwater. There the big fields of ice confronted them, and for all of the fact that the gasoline engines spit and sputtered, the craft could make no headway. There was a prospect that there would be little fish on the market for Friday unless help was secured.

Consequently all the small tug boats in the harbor were called into requisition and soon the fishermen were being towed to Commercial and Central wharves to discharge their fares. Not all of them had to be towed, for some followed in the wake of the others through the channel made, but there were enough that had to be helped to provide the towboat captains with a little money.

#### Salt Mackerel Market.

There is little that can be said about domestic salt mackerel. The spot market is practically bare of stocks. Dealers who may have a few barrels in storage are not in a hurry to sell, as they feel sure prices of shore salt mackerel will go higher before any noticeable decline is noted. At present prices are very firm for old stock.

Trade in foreign salt mackerel says the Fishing Gazette was very fair the greater part of the week, with prices unchanged. The buying was in small lots, however, apparently to satisfy immediate requirements. Importations for the week were about 400 barrels at New York, 500 at Boston and smaller lots in three other sea coast cities. Stocks at New York are large and should begin to move very soon in sizable quantities.

#### Fulton Market Fish Notes.

There was only a fair amount of business in the salt water fish market at New York last week. The smacks brought in about 31,000 codfish, and there was a fair supply of southern fish at fair prices. Pompano was the single exception to the rule. In the fresh water fish market, prices were high because of a short supply of stock. Scallops took a drop in price on Friday.

The range of figures on codfish were: Steak cod, 8 cents to 11 cents; and market fish, 4 cents to 6 cents. Haddock brought 3 1-2 cents to 5 cents; hake, 5 cents to 6 cents, and pollock, 6 cents to 7 cents.

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## NEW RULING ON FREE FISH ENTRY.

### Treasury Department Defines Again What are American Products.

### Full Text of the Act Which Now Goes Into Effect.

The treasury department has made an important ruling relative to the entering of fish free of duty. Treasury decision, No. 32,138 just issued by the department deals with the free entry of American fisheries products as follows:

"Paragraph 639 of the tariff act of Aug. 5, 1909, provides for the free entry, among other things, of 'spermaceti, whale, and other fish oils of American fisheries, and all fish and other products of such fisheries.'

"1. An American fishery, within the meaning of said paragraph, is defined as a fishery operated under the American flag by American vessels in foreign waters, in which such vessels have the right, by treaty or otherwise, to take fish and other marine products. The products of such fisheries will be held to include fish, oil, bone, sponges, turtles, and other marine products.

"2. Fish taken by the citizens of another country, and purchased by the owner, master, or agent of an American vessel, whether or not landed on shore prior to being taken aboard such vessel, are not entitled to free entry as a product of an American fishery.

"3. Fish taken from the water by members of the crew of an American vessel (who may be either American citizens or foreigners), or by foreign fishermen in the presence of such vessel and under the supervision of its master or crew, and in pursuance of an employment for that purpose, whether with foreign boats, nets, gear, and tackle, or with boats, nets, etc., provided for such purpose by the fishing vessel and brought by such fishing vessel to a port of this country, or transhipped to another vessel as hereinafter provided, will be entitled to free entry. In other words, the employment of foreign fishermen either as members of the crew or under the supervision of the master or crew of an American vessel is allowed. The purchase by the owner, agent, master, or crew of an American vessel of fish caught by the citizens of another country in foreign waters will subject such fish to duty.

"4. Fish taken by an American vessel in the manner described in paragraph 3 hereof and landed on shore in foreign territory to be stored, frozen, salted, dried, or otherwise preserved for transportation by the master and crew of the fishing vessel will be entitled to free entry, provided that no persons other than the officers, master, and crew of said fishing vessel or persons employed for the purpose, have been engaged in storing, freezing, salting, drying, or curing such fish on shore, and further provided that the fish have not been subjected to any process of manufacture on shore.

"5. Whenever fish are imported in a vessel other than the same by which they are taken even in cases where the affidavits and certificates hereby required are filed, and the collector of customs at the port of entry is not satisfied that the said fish are the product of American fisheries, said collector may require additional proof thereof by affidavits or otherwise before admitting said fish or other products free of duty.

"6. Whether such products are imported in the vessel by which the same are taken, or by another vessel, an affidavit of the master of the vessel or the masters of the vessels by which the fish or other products were taken or under whose supervision they were taken will be required upon en-

try, showing when, where, and by whom, and the manner in which the same were taken from the water, and such affidavits will be required to be verified by the affidavits of at least two members of the crew of the fishing vessel. In case said fish or other products are landed on shore for storage or said other purposes, as provided in section 4, supra, in charge of an agent or the master or owner of said vessel or vessels, and afterwards transhipped to this country in another vessel or conveyance, an affidavit by said agent will be required upon entry, in addition to the affidavits of the master and crew specified above, showing when, where, by whom, and by what vessel or vessels said fish were landed and stored, frozen, salted, dried, or cured, and certifying that only said fish so landed and stored, etc., have been transhipped. An affidavit will be required from the master of said vessel bringing said catch into port, showing when, where, and from whom he received the same. In case such fish shall be transhipped to and imported in railroad cars, such affidavit shall be made by the agent of the railroad company having knowledge of the facts. Free entry will be denied unless it appears that the fish or other products were taken by members of the crew of the fishing vessel, either alone or with the assistance of men, boats, and gear employed for such purpose. If the fish were taken by or with the assistance of citizens of a foreign country not members of such crew, it must appear that the same were taken from the water in the presence of the fishing vessel and under the supervision of the master or crew thereof in pursuance of an employment for that purpose, and were not purchased by or on behalf of the owner or master of said vessel. Such affidavits may be made before a treasury agent designated by the department, before any United States consul or any collector or deputy collector of customs, or before any notary public or other officer having a seal and authorized to administer oaths, and in the event that it is impracticable to have such affidavits sworn to before such officers, the same may be executed before two reputable merchants.

"7. In case such fish are imported by a vessel or conveyance other than the one by which the same were taken, a manifest showing the transshipment from the fishing vessel by which the same were taken, certified by the American consul at the port of transshipment, or by a treasury agent designated by the department, or, if there be no such officer at such port, before two reputable resident merchants must be produced on entry.

"8. The affidavits and manifest required by these regulations should be filed at the time of entry, or bond, form catalogue No. 3375, given for their subsequent production.

"9. In the case of transshipment of the catch of an American fishing vessel to railway cars in a foreign country for shipment to this country, the same procedure will be followed as in the case of transshipment to another vessel."

No. 10 suspends the treasury ruling conflicting with the above.